When applying for JDS and preparing a research plan, you are advised to understand the **Sub-Program (SP)**, **background of the Component (CP)**, and **expected research areas** under the CP.

Sub-Program (SP) (Target priority area)	**3. Realization of Safe and Secure Society**
Component (CP) (**Development issue** in SP)	**3-1. Improvement of Administrative Functions**

CP background

Good governance is the foundation of all development, and the Cambodian government has identified "Strategy Governance Reform and Strengthening" as a core element of the 'Pentagonal Strategy- Phase I' (2023). The Cambodian government has worked hard to tackle corruption, reform public administration, and decentralize to transfer its authority and functions to regional governments. Nevertheless, it is essential to develop the capacities of those who are responsible for making and implementing policies and frameworks. It is also vital to make and implement monetary policy, including public financial management and support for domestic companies, in order to promote economic activities.

In Cambodia, improving administrative capacity and establishing effective systems in the relevant field are key challenges, and the development of civil servants as the core administrative officials through the JDS project is expected.

Expected research areas

Decentralization, Local Administration, National development policy, Macroeconomics / Finance, Finance (Microfinance), Gender, Inequality Correction